

Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project

Environmental Impact Statement Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

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How can I provide feedback on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

Local community members, councils, stakeholders, community groups and organisations are encouraged to view the EIS and to have a say by making a submission. You can view the EIS and

specialist studies online via the [NSW Major Projects Planning Portal](#) and search for unique ID SSI-70279722 or 'Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission'.

The Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project (the Project) comprises the construction and operation of approximately 8 km of new 330 kV transmission line between the Mount Piper and Wallerawang 330 kV substations, on the lands of the Wiradjuri people.

The Project will carry out upgrades to our transmission network in the State's Central Tablelands to support the NSW Government's delivery of the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (CWOREZ).



Biodiversity



Aviation



Aquatic ecology



Contamination



Historical heritage



Bushfire



Economic



Traffic and transport



Noise and vibration



Land use and agriculture



Aboriginal heritage



Hazard and risk



Water resources



Social impacts



Visual amenity

Acknowledgment of Country

Transgrid acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the Traditional Owners of the lands on which the Project area has been considered and pays respect to Elders past, present and future. Traditional Owners of these lands have lived in the area for thousands of years and have an enduring custodianship and connection over the land and waterways of this region.





What is an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report?

As part of the EIS, an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) was completed to assess potential impacts on Aboriginal heritage within the study area and provide mitigation strategies to address these impacts. Transgrid's Social Legacy Team has been engaging with local Aboriginal stakeholders including relevant Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

In 2023, Transgrid put a call out to Aboriginal stakeholders who may have an interest in the Project and hold knowledge around the cultural significance of Aboriginal heritage sites within the Project footprint. The organisations or individuals who expressed an interest now form the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) for this project. The RAPs have been actively engaged in the development of the ACHAR by providing input on survey coverage, assessment methodology and test excavation approach, as well as participating in field work associated with the ACHAR.



What we heard

Landowners and local indigenous knowledge holders flagged the importance of an Indigenous heritage assessment and expressed concerns over the impact to indigenous sites during construction.

Cultural Values Assessment

In addition to the ACHAR prepared as part of the EIS, Transgrid is preparing a separate Cultural Values Assessment (CVA) report that will be provided to Heritage NSW. The CVA seeks to further understand the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural values, with a particular focus on intangible cultural values including:

- cultural knowledge
- oral history
- intangible cultural heritage values or places
- Aboriginal associations with the Project footprint.

Potential Aboriginal sites identified to date

The assessment has identified four Aboriginal sites and two Potential Archaeological Deposits (PADs) within the Project footprint. One site will be totally impacted and one site will be partially impacted, with mitigation measures in place to salvage the two impacted sites as outlined below.

Additional sites or items of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage significance may also be identified as part of the ongoing field surveys of the Project footprint and these will be detailed in the Historic Heritage Impact Assessment.



Image: Archaeologists testing the site for Indigenous artefacts.



What mitigation measures will be applied?

The Project will develop an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan in consultation with the Project's RAPs, with input from Heritage NSW. The plan would include:

- an Unanticipated Finds Protocol
- training all construction workers in cultural heritage awareness and informing them of heritage significance within and adjacent to project work sites
- collection, salvage, mapping and recording of heritage artefacts
- appropriate storage of retrieved archaeological materials in consultation with RAPs and other relevant Traditional Owners.

Next steps

The Project will continue engagement with local RAPs and provide ongoing consultation on the Project.

For more information on Transgrid's commitment to reconciliation please visit our Reconciliation Action Plan and Transgrid's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan.

Connect with us

Transgrid is committed to working with landowners and communities through the development of the Project. Please connect with us for more information.



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